

Supervisor Romaine Honors Patchogue-Medford Friends of the Library for 40 Years of Community Service

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Farmingville, NY - Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine recently attended the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Patchogue-Medford Friends of the Library, honoring the officers and founding members of the organization for their volunteer service to the community.

With the help of Library Director Elaine Phipps, a small group of volunteers launched the Friends of the Library in February of 1973, for the purpose of offering programs which would enhance the Patchogue-Medford Library's services and generate support for future expansion. The library soon began presenting movies, adult and children's crafts, author luncheons, a thrift book shelf, summer book sales and outreach book deliveries, all sponsored and operated by these volunteers. Through their efforts, they have raised over \$100,000 that has been used to fund a variety of equipment, materials and programs for the library.

Pictured with Supervisor Romaine (third from left) at the event are Friends of the Library President Claire Siegel; Founder and Vice President Marjorie Roe; Vice President Roger Brun; Treasurer Eileen Brenner; Secretary Linda Morris; Councilman Timothy Mazzei; Patchogue Mayor Paul Pontieri; Legislator Robert Calarco; and Library Director Dina McNeece Chrils.

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